use of pre-natal diagnostic techniques including ultrasonography for detecting genetic abnormalities or other sex linked disorders in the foetus. The Act prevents the misuse of the technique for sex determination that could lead to elimination of female foetus.

The implementation of the Act rests with the States and Union Territories through the appropriate authorities appointed under the Act at State, district as well at Sub-district levels. The States/UTs have been requested to ensure wide publicity to the provisions of the Act/Rules and to effectively implement the same including stringent action against the delinquent service providers. As per the provisions of the Act/Rules every clinic/centre shall send a report in respect of all pre-conception or procedures/tests conducted by them to the Appropriate Authority every month.

(c) Violations of the Act are punishable with imprisonments up to 5 years and fine up to Rs. 1 lakh.

Ad-hocism at AIIMS

261. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that All India Institute of Medical Sciences continues to real under the agony of *ad-hocism* as there are no regular officers on several important posts like cardio-thoracic vascular surgery centre;

(b) whether it is also a fact that even at the administrative level, the Institute is faced with an extra ordinary type of *ad-hocism* from Deputy Director (A) to Medical Superintendent; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and when regular appointments would be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Out of total 19 faculty members at the level of Assistant Professor who are working on *ad-hoc* basis in the Institute, no appointment on *ad-hoc* basis has been made in cardio-thoracic vascular surgery centre at AIIMS, New Delhi. No *ad-hoc* appointment in faculty posts have been made since July, 2003. The post of Deputy Director (Admn.) is a deputation post under the Central staffing pattern and action has been initiated to fill

the same. The post of Medical Superintendent at AIIMS, New Delhi, has been advertised for making regular appointment and selection will be made in due course.

Two child norms

262. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided not to impose two child norm in the country;

(b) whether it will amount to violation of Fundamental Rights if two-child norm is imposed in the country;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) how Government are going to achieve the goal of population control through population stabilisation programme on voluntary basis; and

(e) whether Government propose to amend the National Population Policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Question does not arise in view of (a) above.

(d) The Family Welfare Programme in India is voluntary in nature, which enables a couple to adopt the family planning methods, best suited to them, according to their choice, without any compulsion. Many States have already achieved the goal of population stabilization (TFR of 2.1) through voluntary methods.

(e) No, Sir.

Circulation of spurious drugs

263. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA:
DR. PRABHATHAKUR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that instances of circulation of spurious drugs have been growingly coming to light;